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CYBER SECURITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has recently announced a policy to address the increasing cyber security threats in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the proposed structure of the agencies; and

(c) the manner in which it would coordinate with the existing multiple agencies that are required to counter this threat including local law enforcement agencies in the country?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b): In order to address the issues of cyber security in a holistic manner, the Government has released the "National Cyber Security Policy-2013" on 02.07.2013.

The objective of the policy is to create a framework for comprehensive, collaborative and collective response to deal with the issue of cyber security at all levels within the country. It aims to facilitate creation of secure computing environment and enabling adequate trust and confidence in electronic transactions and also guiding stakeholders actions for protection of cyber space. The Policy outlines fourteen objectives and fifty seven action points to be implemented by way of detailed guidelines and Plan of action at various levels such as National, States, Ministries, Departments and enterprises as may be appropriate.

The policy further proposes:

National level systems, processes, structures and mechanisms to generate necessary situational scenario of existing and potential cyber security threats and enable timely information sharing for proactive, preventive and protective actions by individual entities.

To operationalise 24x7 sectoral Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) for all coordination and communication actions within the respective sectors for effective incidence response & resolution and cyber crisis management.

To operate a 24x7 National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) to function as the nodal agency for Critical Information Infrastructure Protection in the Country.

(c) Government has approved a Framework for enhancing Cyber Security, which envisages a multi-layered approach for ensuring defence-in-depth with clear demarcation of responsibilities among the stakeholder organizations in the country. National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) has been entrusted the responsibility to coordinate, oversee and ensure the implementation Framework for cyber security.